my529 - Utah's Educational Savings Plan

my529 Creation and Purpose

- Utah Legislature established my529 (formerly UESP) in 1996
- Created in accordance with §529 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 529)
- Nonprofit, self-sustaining agency within the Utah System of Higher Education
- Encourage families to save for future qualified higher education expenses

my529 Today

- my529 is the nation's third largest direct-sold plan
- Over \$14 billion in assets under management
- More than 400,000 accounts
- Positive economic impact to Utah
- In October 2018, Morningstar, Inc., a leading provider of independent investment research, rated my529 with Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of Gold for the eighth consecutive year

my529 Tax Advantages

- Utah State Income Tax Credit
 - 2019 tax benefit: 5% per beneficiary
 - Contributions up to \$2,000 for single filers and trusts
 - Contributions up to \$4,000 for joint returns
 - Up to \$2,000 deduction per beneficiary for corporations
- Tax Deferred Earnings
 - Earnings on investments grow tax-deferred from federal and Utah state income taxes
- Tax-Exempt Qualified Withdrawals
 - Withdrawals are exempt from federal and Utah state income taxes when used to pay the beneficiary's qualified higher education expenses (e.g., tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment and certain room and board costs) at an eligible education institution, in the United States or abroad, that is qualified to participate in federal student aid programs
 - K-12 tuition expenses up to an annual aggregate total of \$10,000 per beneficiary at public, private and religious schools

my529 Best Practices

- 1. We make it easy
- 2. We are accessible
- 3. We are innovative in a regulated environment
- 4. We have strong internal processes